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## Report on the Transport and Access Committee Meeting held on 30 July 2009

### 1. Purpose

To inform Council about the meeting of the Transport and Access Committee that took place on 30 July 2009.

### 2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report **do not** trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

### 3. Report

Two members of the public appeared before the Committee. The items raised were the carriage of bicycles on trains and buses, and a variety of rail matters. Responses will be provided at the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee received a report on the carriage of bicycles on buses and trains. The report provided feedback on a trial run in Christchurch of the carriage of cycles on buses; outlined the rules that applied, and provided potential costs if the region's buses were to be fitted with cycle racks. The findings of a survey of the carriage of cycles on trains were reported. The Committee agreed to a further look at the carriage of cycles on buses when this was permitted by the rules, and to continue the current policy for the carriage of cycles on trains. However, a new operational policy will be developed prior to the new Matangi trains coming into service, aimed at maximising cycle carriage in the off-peak.

The Committee was updated on the issues associated with the future of Muri Station. A Rail Safety assessment to be carried out by ONTRACK will determine what, if any, work is required to the station prior to the operation of

the Matangi trains. If any work is required to address safety issues then the estimated cost is \$750,000, and it will be difficult to justify this expenditure given the low patronage and the close proximity of Pukerua Bay Station.

The current status of various service reviews was presented to the Committee, and a number of general updates provided in the Divisional Manager's Report.

Jude Varcoe of Premium Research gave a presentation on the 2009 Public Transport Monitor. There was very little change in the responses from previous years, and the number one issue remains the reliability of bus and rail services.

The Committee moved into Public Excluded to receive a report on the Total Mobility Phase 2 project.

#### **4. Minutes**

The minutes of the Committee's meeting are attached as Attachment 1.

#### **5. Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*

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Attachment 1: Public minutes